

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 083197
ORIGIN PA-02

INFO OCT-01 SS-15 ISO-00 AF-10 ARA-10 EA-09 EUR-12
NEA-10 MMO-04 SIG-02 DRC-01 SP-02 H-02 L-03 SY-05
INR-07 /095 R

DRAFTED BY PA/FOI: BEENIS:CAG
APPROVED BY SECRETARY
PA:WDBLAIR
S/S-MRTARNOFF(S/S7706512
-----140618Z 061970 /22
R 132215Z APR 77
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS

UNCLAS STATE 083197

INFORM CONSULS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY HAS BEEN SENT TO OFFICERS IN THE DEPARTMENT AND ABROAD:
2. THE PRESIDENT HAS REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED HIS DEEP COMMITMENT TO OPEN PROCESSES OF GOVERNMENT, IN FOREIGN AS IN DOMESTIC POLICY. I WANT TO SEE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SHOW IMAGINATIVE LEADERSHIP IN THIS AREA.
3. AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THIS EFFORT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, AS WELL AS TO THE DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652. WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A COMMENDABLE RECORD FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 083197

RELEASE OF RECORDS REQUESTED UNDER THE ACT AND THE ORDER, BUT THERE IS STILL A NEED FOR IMPROVEMENTS ESPECIALLY IN MEETING THE MANDATED DEADLINES. EVERY BUREAU AND POST MUST RECOGNIZE THIS RESPONSIBILITY AS BASIC AND PERMANENT, AND MUST TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO DISCHARGE IT FULLY.

4. I WILL EXPECT THE DEPARTMENT'S COUNCIL ON CLASSIFICA-

TION POLICY TO ASSURE THAT WE MEET THESE OBLIGATIONS IN

A TIMELY MANNER. I HAVE DELEGATED TO THE COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DECIDING APPEALS UNDER THE ACT AND THE ORDER IN MY BEHALF. I EXPECT IT TO EXERCISE THAT AUTHORITY IN A SPIRIT OF MAXIMUM OPENNESS CONSISTENT WITH THE GENUINE REQUIREMENTS OF FOREIGN POLICY AND DEFENSE.

5. EVERY MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD DO HIS OR HER SHARE IN MEETING THESE OBJECTIVES, NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT IS LEGALLY REQUIRED BUT BECAUSE IT IS AN OBLIGATION WE OWE THE PUBLIC WE SERVE.
VANCE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 13-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE083197
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: BEENIS:CAG
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770129-0277
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770460/aaaacagm.tel
Line Count: 75
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: fc4bb2a5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN PA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2817674
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
TAGS: OGEN
To: ALL POSTS
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/fc4bb2a5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009